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SUBJ: REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE RE DEMONSTRATION ON JUNE 7, 1977

REF: USUN 1801

1. THERE FOLLOWS USUN'S REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION AT THEIR MISSION JUNE 7 IN SUPPORT OF ANATOLY SHARANSKY:

BEGIN TEXT

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ITS NOTE NO. 371 DATED JUNE 7, 1977, REFERRING TO A DEMONSTRATION WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THAT DATE AT THE USSR MISSION.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT. POLICE RECORDS REFLECT THAT AT 11:10 AM, JUNE 7, 1977, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTED
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TO FORCE THEIR WAY ONTO USSR MISSION GROUNDS. THE GROUP HAD APPARENTLY POSITIONED THEMSELVES IN THE PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE USSR MISSION. THE UNIFORMED POLICE DETAIL ASSIGNED TO THE USSR MISSION WAS ABLE TO PREVENT THE ATTEMPT EXCEPT FOR TWO DEMONSTRATORS WHO SAT DOWN IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE DOOR. THE REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS WERE KEPT OUTSIDE THE FENCE WHICH RUNS ALONG THE FRONT OF THE MISSION PROPERTY.

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ONE OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ACTUALLY HANDCUFFED HIMSELF TO THE FENCE. THE OTHERS HAD PLACTIC HANDCUFFS AND LENGTHS OF CHAIN AND SIMULATED HANDCUFFING THEMSELVES. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT, AT 11:35 AM FOURTEEN OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WHO REFUSED TO LEAVE THE AREA WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST AND CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.
NO DAMAGE TO THE SOVIET FACILITY OR INJURY TO ANY USSR PERSONNEL OCCURRED.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION REJECTS THE NOTION IN THE USSR NOTE THAT THE PRESENCE AT THE SCENE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS INDICATES THAT RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAD PRIOR WARNING OF THIS ACTION. IN THIS COUNTRY IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR PROTESTING GROUPS TO GIVE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THEIR PLANS ONLY TO THE NEWS MEDIA. FURTHERMORE, IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT, TWO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND MET WITH FIRST SECRETARY YURY SHCHERBAKOV TO ASSURE HIM OF OUR CONCERN AND OFFER ASSISTANCE.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS REGRETS AND DEPLORES THIS INCIDENT AND ALL IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS AGAINST USSR MISSION PROPERTIES OR PERSONNEL. IT BELIEVES THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS AWARE OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF USSR PERSONNEL
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IN NEW YORK CITY. THE UNITED STATES MISSION ASSURES THE USSR MISSION THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS RESPON-SIBILITIES UNDER THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. END TEXT

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